

## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

The invention provides a method for preparing an ink having constituents of a water-soluble dye having a water-soluble solubilizing group of at least one of a sulfonic group and a carboxyl group, water, a water-soluble substance that is condensation-  
5 polymerized in the absence of the water, a water-soluble medium and an additive including at least one of an organic acid salt and an inorganic acid salt. This method includes a first mixing step of mixing at least the dye and the water-soluble substance out of the constituents of the ink excluding the additive; a second mixing step of mixing a mixture obtained in the first mixing step and the additive; and a pH adjusting step, performed  
10 before the second mixing step, of preparing a solution including the mixture or a solution including the additive while adjusting the solution to a given pH range by using a pH adjuster.